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May 19, 2009

Ms. Marlene Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Re: <u>CC Docket No. 00–257 -Notification Pursuant to Rule 64.1120(e)</u> Franklin Telephone Company.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 64.1120(e) of the Commission's Rules, this letter provides notification to the Commission of the pending acquisition and contemplated transfer of that portion of the presubscribed intrastate intraLATA interexchange subscriber base of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Mississippi ("AT&T") serving customers located within the local exchange service area of the Franklin Telephone Company d/b/a Franklin in Meadville, Mississippi. In accordance with Commission requirements, the following information is submitted herewith:

- Transferring Carrier: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Mississippi Acquiring Carrier: Franklin Telephone Company ("Franklin").
- The types of services to be provided to the affected subscribers: intrastate IntraLATA interexchange service.
- 3. Expected date of transfer of subscriber base to Franklin: July 1, 2009

A copy of Franklin's advance subscriber notice is attached. Franklin hereby certifies that it has provided this advance subscriber notice to all affected subscribers in accordance with rule 64.1120(e)(3), with the obligations specified in that subsection, and with the statutory and Commission requirements applicable to this streamlined notification process.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

## DECLARATION OF FRANKLIN TELEPHONE CO., INC.

I, Tom Griffin, General Manager, of Franklin Telephone Company, do hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing Notification Pursuant to Section 64.1120(e), and that the facts stated therein with respect to the Companies are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Tom Griffin

Dated: May 18, 2009



1094 Monroe Rd PO Box 446 - Bude, MS 39630 Phone: 601-384-5855 Fax: 601-384-2232 www.franklintelephone.com

Dear Franklin Telephone Company Customer:

If you are currently receiving local toll (intraLATA toll services) from BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Mississippi ("AT&T"), AT&T has notified us that as of June 30, 2009, AT&T will no longer be the provider of local (or intraLATA) toll services to customers residing in the Franklin service area. Franklin Telephone Company is committed to ensuring that there will be no disruption to the services you receive. This change affects only that portion of your service that currently appears on your monthly bill as "BellSouth Call Detail." If BellSouth has been your local intraLATA toll provider, BellSouth has agreed to transfer your service to Franklin Telephone Company, and we will arrange for the continued provision of your local intraLATA toll services.

The goal of Franklin Telephone Company is to provide outstanding customer service along with state of the art telecommunications services to all of its customers. When the transition takes place, there will be no immediate change in your long distance services, and you will not incur a carrier change charge for the transition.

Your non-local intrastate and interstate long distance services will continue to be provided by your current long distance carrier and there will be no changes in the rates for local intraLATA toll services. In the event of any subsequent changes in rates and service arrangements associated with your local intraLATA toll services, Franklin will provide you with notice at least 30 days before they become effective in accordance with the requirements established by the Mississippi Public Service Commission.

If you have previously placed a preferred carrier freeze on your account with regard to the provision of local or intraLATA toll services, that freeze will be lifted under the rules of the Federal Communications Commission with regard to the transfer of local intraLATA toll subscribers to Franklin Telephone Company. If you wish to arrange for a new carrier freeze, please contact our business office at 800-654-7931. If you have previously placed a preferred carrier freeze on your account with regard to the provision of non-local intrastate and interstate interLATA long distances, there will be no effect on that freeze which will remain in place.

All customers have a choice in carriers for their long distance services. You can choose to take no action, which will result in Franklin providing your local intraLATA toll services after June 30, 2009, or you can choose another carrier. Unless you choose another carrier, your local intraLATA toll service will be transferred to Franklin. If you choose to select another carrier, you should contact that carrier to ensure that your services are transferred before June 30, 2009. Franklin Telephone Company will be responsible for any carrier change charges associated with this change if it occurs before June 30, 2009.

If you do not choose another carrier to provide you with local intraLATA toll services, your monthly statement from Franklin Telephone Company will continue to include your charges for local intraLATA long distance services. For questions related to both your current local intraLATA toll services and local intraLATA toll services provided by Franklin after June 30, 2009, please call us at 601-384-5855 or at 1-800-654-7931.